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 Superintendent
 U. S. Mint

48 Calumet Street
 Boston Mass.
 August 1st 1896

Philadelphia

Yours of the 30th ult. in

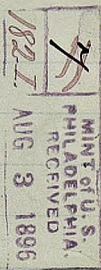
you

reply

& mine of a previous date received. You state that you do not coin silver for Banks or individuals &c. You further state or say: To coin silver for depositors would be the same as buying it for silver, and since the repeal of the Sherman act the Government does not buy that metal. I do not understand how you can coin silver unless you buy it or get it some way & the news paper state that you are coining silver & coin mints of each year although you do not coin it in such quantities as you did before the Sherman act was repealed. You enclosed me one of your circulars as regard coinage and you say in said circulars that Deposits of Gold are paid in Gold coin or Bars.

If the deposits contain Silver, the value of such Silver will be paid to Depositors, at the price fixed by the Director of the Mint in Silver coin. You certainly did not have Silver enough on hand when the Sherman act was repealed & lost you up to now

when you are said to be costing millions of
 dollars each year since that time.
 You certainly can explain what your creoles
 mean if they do not mean what they say.
 If you will explain so that I can understand
 you will confer a favor at an early
 date,
 Very Respectfully yours
 A. C. Smith



A. C. Smith
 Boston

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 copy to his letter of 30th
 March to reply the same

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